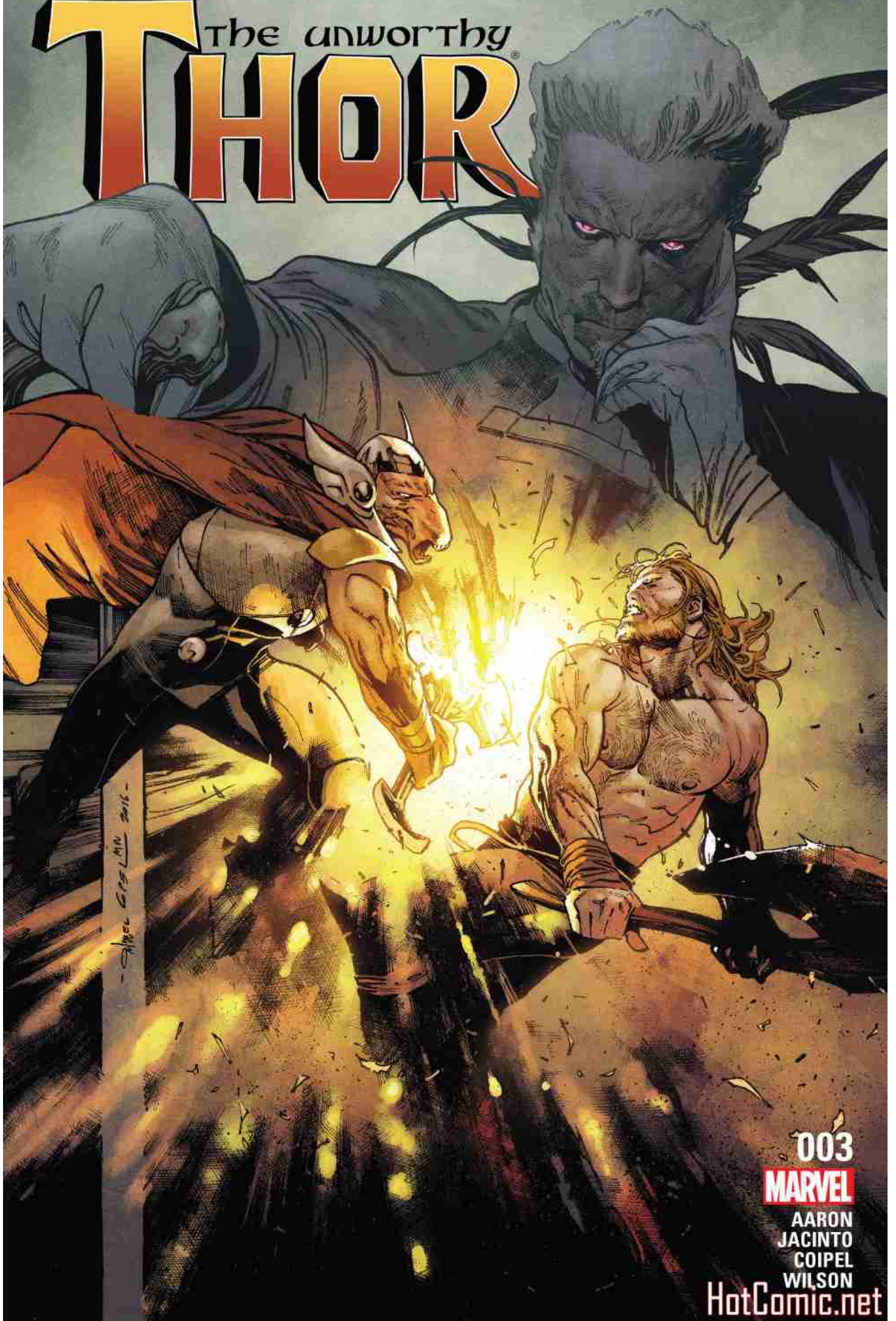


The unworthy THOR



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ON THE DAY THOR ODINSON LEARNED A LONG-KEPT SECRET STOLEN FROM THE WATCHER, HE DROPPED THE MYSTIC HAMMER MJOLNIR TO THE SURFACE OF THE MOON. TRY AS HE MIGHT, THOR COULD NOT LIFT HIS ONCE-FAITHFUL WEAPON. UNABLE TO POSSESS THE POWER OF HIS BIRTHRIGHT, THE THUNDER GOD RELINQUISHED THE NAME OF THOR AND NOW SIMPLY CALLS HIMSELF ODINSON. NOW HE SEARCHES FOR REDEMPTION, BUT UNTIL HE FINDS IT, HE WILL REMAIN...

The unworthy THOR



RECENTLY, THE ODINSON CROSSED PATHS WITH A BEING KNOWN AS THE UNSEEN, WHO SHARED AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF ODINSON'S FALL FROM GLORY AND A TALE OF ANOTHER HAMMER HIDDEN ON OLD ASGARD.

ODINSON RACED TO THE RUINS OF HIS FORMER HOME, BUT FOUND THE ENTIRE REALM MISSING. IN ITS PLACE WAS HIS FRIEND, BETA RAY BILL. THE REUNION WAS CUT SHORT WHEN THE TWO WERE SET UPON BY MYSTERIOUS WARRIORS. THOUGH THE HEROES FOUGHT VALIANTLY, THEY DID NOT PREVAIL.

NOW THE ODINSON IS NOT ONLY UNWORTHY—
HE IS ALSO THE CAPTIVE OF THE COLLECTOR...

MEANWHILE, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE OFFERS TO BRING AN IMPRISONED
THANOS THE OTHER HAMMER.

THE SIN UNPARDONABLE

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EVERY DAY, WITH EVERY BREATH, I AM REMINDED OF MY CURRENT PLIGHT.

BRUTALLY REMINDED.

AND OF HOW HELPLESS I AM TO REVERSE IT.

ONCE I WAS THE LORD OF THUNDER AND THE RAGING STORM. NOW I AM THE GOD OF WHISPERS AND WHISPERS.

THERE IS ANOTHER. ANOTHER HAMMER.

ONCE I COULD SEE, NOW I AM BLIND.

I...I WILL...

THOR... I TRULY AM SORRY.

BUT I DO NOT BLAME THE ONE WHO FELLE ME WITH HIS WORDS.

I WILL BE THOR... I...

OR THE MADMAN WHO HOLDS ME PRISONER. BECAUSE I KNOW, DEEP IN MY GUTS... THEY ARE RIGHT.

THE HAMMER WILL BE MINE, ODINSON! MINE AND NO ONE ELSE'S!

I NEVER DESERVED TO BE WORTHY IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IT WILL BE A BETTER WORLD WITHOUT GODS. WITHOUT YOU.

NEVER DID.

UGGH!

NEVER WILL.



DRAG HIM
BACK TO HIS
CELL! PUT HIM IN
MORE CHAINS
THIS TIME!

BUT WE
PUT HIM IN
MORE CHAINS
THE LAST
TIME.

THEN
PUT HIM
IN ALL THE
CHAINS!



WORTHINESS
WAS A CRUEL
DREAM.



ALL I AM TRULY
WORTHY OF
NOW...





...IS MISERY.



HEY, BOY-BEARD. DO A FAVOR.

LET ME EAT SOME OF YOUR FINGERS.



C'MON, DON'T BE STUPID JERK BASTARD. ALL YOU DO IS LOSE AT FIGHTING. DON'T NEED FINGERS FOR THAT. STICK A FEW THROUGH THE BARS.

WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU CAN GO TO HEL.

HRRPH. WOULD IF I COULD. HEL'S GOT PROBLEMS, SAME AS ANYPLACE...



...BUT
IT'S STILL
HOME.



HOME? YOU'RE
A MAN OF THE
UNDERWORLD?

MAN? GRRRR.
YOU'RE LUCKY
WE'RE IN CAGES,
ASGARDIAN MEAT, OR
YOU'D BE SAYING
GOODBYE TO YOUR
ENTRAILS.

AIN'T NO
TAILLESS TWO-
LEGGER.



I'M A
HEL-HOUND.
GREATEST OF ALL
HEL-HOUNDS! SON
OF THE **HEL-WOLF**
HIMSELF.

ACROSS THE
TEN REALMS, THEY
KNOW ME AS THE
DEATHRIPPER. THE DEVIL
DOG. THE ATROCITY
THAT WALKS ON
FOUR LEGS.



BUT...GRRR...
YOUR BROTHER...
HE...URR...

HE
NAMED ME
CHORI.



OF COURSE HE DID.* REST ASSURED, HEL-HOUND, YOU ARE BETTER OFF IN THIS CELL THAN IN THE COMPANY OF LOKI.

WASN'T WITH LOKI WHEN THESE JERK BASTARDS DOG-NAPPED ME. WAS WITH A FRIEND OF YOUR SISTER'S ON MIDGARD.**

DEVILS HELP ME. I DO MISS THE LAND OF BROOKLYN.

STUPID COLLECTOR WAS HAPPY TO HAVE COLLECTED A HEL-HOUND. WON'T BE HAPPY WHEN I RIP HIS SOFT BELLY OPEN.

*SEE JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY #632.

**SEE ANGELA: QUEEN OF HEL #7.



WE MET ONCE. I WANTED TO MURDER YOUR FACE, MURDER!

DIDN'T THINK I SHOULD HAVE. NOW THINKING ABOUT EATING YOUR GOAT.

MORE LIKELY TOOTHGNASHER WILL EAT US BOTH IF WE DO NOT ESCAPE THIS PLACE.



YOU'RE BAD AT ESCAPING. BAD GOD.



BASTARD GUARDS EVERYWHERE. NO WAY OFF THIS STUPID SPACE BOAT.



I DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE IT OFF THE SHIP.



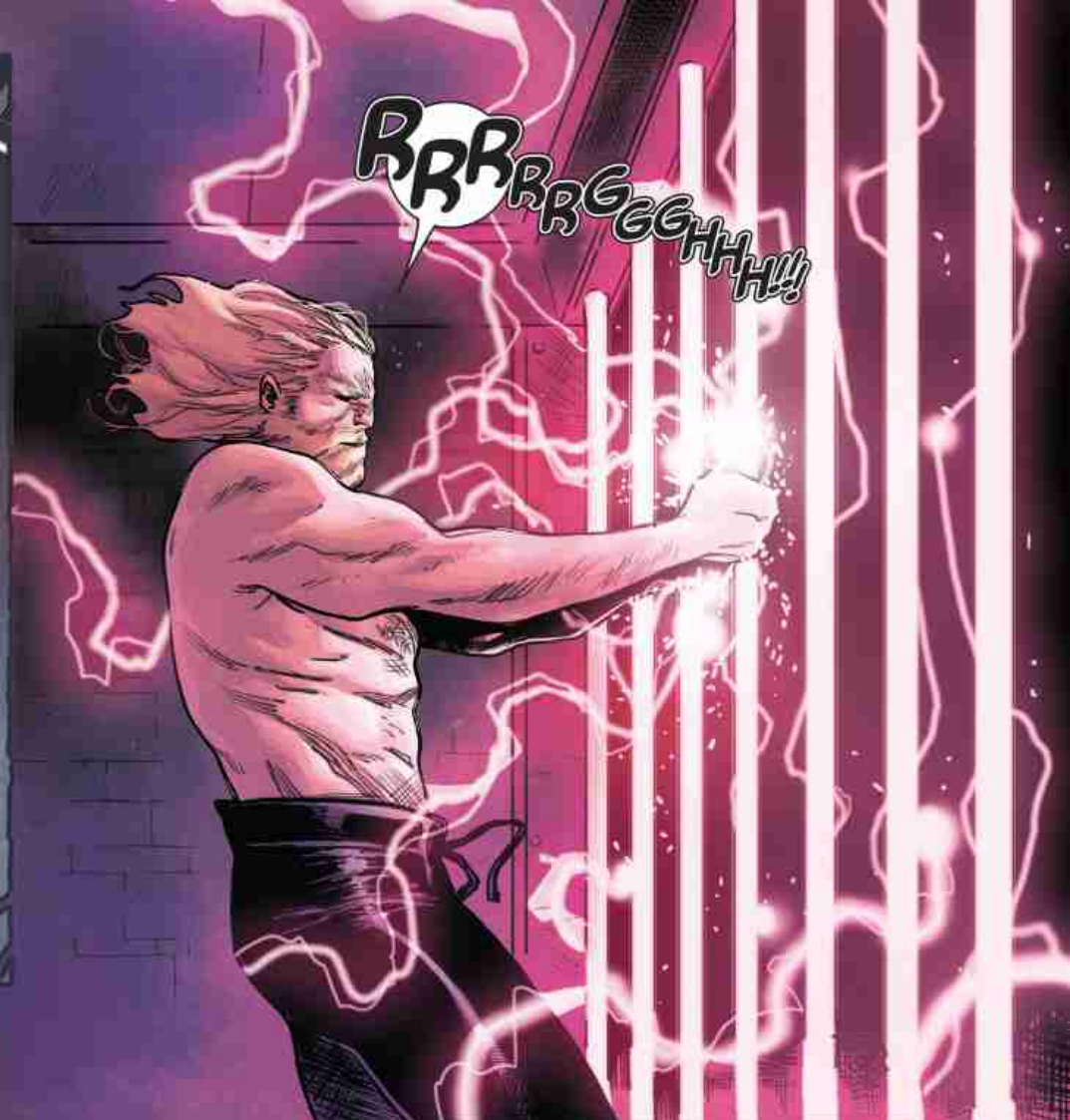
I JUST HAVE TO REACH THE HAMMER!



FATHER,
LOOK, I CAN
ALMOST...

WHAT IN
THE NAME OF
BOR DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE DOING, BOY?
UNHAND THAT
WEAPON AT
ONCE!

THAT
HAMMER WAS
NEVER MEANT
FOR THE LIKES
OF YOU,
THOR!



HERE
WE GO
AGAIN.

THIS ONE'S
MORE DAMN
TROUBLE THAN
A PACK OF
WILD MOON
WOLVES.

HIT HIM
WITH THE FULL
CHARGE. MAYBE
THAT'LL SHOCK
SOME SENSE
INTO HIS--



ODINSON.
MY BROTHER.





RETRIEVAL
SHUTTLE 39-424,
YOU ARE CLEAR
FOR DOCKING.

CURATORS
WILL MEET YOU
IN HANGAR 115.





LEAD
AWAY THEN,
DOG.

MY DEAL IS
WITH **THANOS**.
NOT HIS LACKEYS.
CALL ME DOG
AGAIN, AND...

DOG.

YOU CAME
BEGGING SCRAPS
FROM THE MASTER'S
TABLE, COWERING AND
WHIMPERING. WHAT
ARE YOU, IF NOT A
BEATEN ANIMAL?

I BELIEVE
WHAT **PROXIMA**
MIDNIGHT IS TRYING TO SAY...
IS THAT YOUR AFOREMENTIONED
DEAL WITH **THANOS** IS
CONTINGENT UPON YOUR
DELIVERING THE
HAMMER.

SO PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
FOCUS ON
THAT, HMM?



WHAT
BLACK SWAN
IS TRYING TO
SAY...

IS "LEAD
ON..."

"...DOG."



ODINSON!

GRRRGH!!!



WHAT
IN THE NAME
OF ALL THE STARS
HAS COME OVER YOU?!
IT'S ALMOST AS IF
YOU'RE AFFLICTED
WITH--



WARRIOR MADNESS.
WHAT MY FATHER
CALLED "THE SIN
UNPARDONABLE."

RRRRRGGGGHHH!!!



HGGHK.

I FEEL THAT BERSERKER
RAGE TAKE CONTROL OF
ME, FEEL MY MIND
CONSUMED WITH
WANTON WRATH...

...FEEL MY FRIEND'S
THROAT BEING
CRUSHED BENEATH
MY HANDS, AND
GODS HELP ME...



I DO NOT
CARE.



GRRRRGGH!!!



THE HAMMER.
THE HAMMER
WILL CURE ALL.

WITHOUT A
HAMMER, I
AM BROKEN.

I WILL BE WHOLE
AGAIN. NO MATTER
WHAT IT COSTS.

I WILL...



I'LL
BE TAKING
THAT.

GUUGH!



THORS, OF
COURSE.

YOU THORS
CAN NEVER
KEEP YOUR HANDS
OFF EACH OTHER'S
HAMMERS,
CAN YOU?

ARRRRGGGHH!!!



THE
PRINCE OF
ASGARD.

I CANNOT
LET HIM SEE ME
LIKE THIS.







THE STORM
AROUND IT GROWS
STRONGER BY THE
DAY, MASTER.



I DO NOT
KNOW HOW MUCH
LONGER WE CAN
HOPE TO CONTAIN
ITS ENERGIES.

IF IT
CONTINUES GROWING
AT THIS RATE,
IT WILL EVENTUALLY
TEAR THE ENTIRE
SHIP APART.

THAT
WOULD BE...
A FAIR
TRADE.



EVERYTHING
IN THIS SHIP,
INCLUDING THE LIVES
OF ALL ABOARD...
FOR THE HAMMER.
I WOULD GLADLY
MAKE THAT
TRADE.

WITH THAT
WEAPON IN MY
HAND...I WOULD
HAVE NO MORE
NEED FOR THESE
TRINKETS AND
BAUBLES.



I WOULD
COLLECT ENTIRE
WORLDS.

NOT A
BAD IDEA,
COLLECTOR.
IN FACT...



...THANOS WAS THINKING THE VERY SAME THING.



THANOS. I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN.

IF THE MAD TITAN HOPES TO STEAL MY PROPERTY, HE SHOULD HAVE SENT MORE THAN A FEW WENCHES.

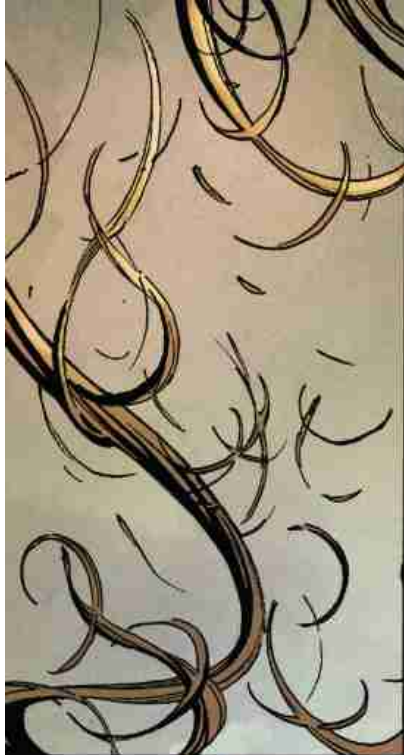
HIM WE ARE DEFINITELY KILLING.

BE MY GUEST.



THOUGH AN ELDER OF THE UNIVERSE IS NEVER EASILY TRIFLED WITH.





AND I'LL BE DAMNED IF I NEED A HAMMER IN ORDER TO RAISE SOME HEL.

BUT THIS DAY I WILL CLAIM ONE NONETHELESS.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH BLOOD I MUST WADE THROUGH.

SO SWEARS THE UNWORTHY THOR.



TO BE CONTINUED.

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AND LO, THERE CAME... AXE ME A QUESTION

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Hey there, Hammerheads,
I've got good news, great news, and bad news. Good news is that you just finished reading a knock-your-socks-off Thor comic and you get to keep that memory with you forever. Revel in it. Great news is Jason is hard at work writing more knock-your-socks-off Thor comics that you get to read in the near future! Get prepared! Bad news is, because Jason's hard at work on those knock-your-socks-off Thor comics, he couldn't answer your letters this month, so you're stuck with ME, The Unworthy Assistant Editor, Charles Beacham. I know, I know...I'm not Jason. But I'm what you get...So, let's get to your letters.

Firstly,

I wanted to say I loved this first issue and am beyond hyped to see how it plays out. I got into Thor when I was reading the Time Runs Out story arc. Seeing him and Hyperion all rugged with beards battling against impossible odds was just epic. I then read your God of Thunder run and was hooked! Just putting it out there: if there was a way to get Thor and Hyperion looking B.A.M.F. and bearded together I would read the heck out of it! Maybe chuck in some Herc and Thor getting over their ruts together.

Thank you for bringing this series out!

Andrew
Queensland,
Down Under

Andrew, you seem to be a man's man. A real guy's guy.

You know, a dude who likes his comics full of brawny bearded bros battling it out or sharing a brew. Luckily for you Odinson is brawny, bearded, LOVES brew, has bros and loves to do great battle. While I can't promise that you'll see any specific characters, I CAN promise you won't be disappointed if you keep reading The Unworthy Thor.

Ah, the Odinson and his goat. Is there a better sight in modern day comics? Some would argue yes, but some would argue no. The recent Thor runs, of all shapes and sizes, have been great. We have Thors both new and old (however broken he is) that are entertaining in their own right. Whilst the older Thor comics never really interested me, the newer ones have certainly got my attention! What with his goat, his skull-smashing antics, and the appearance of a certain Beta Ray Bill! I'm sure it won't be too long before Odinson gets his hands on a hammer.

Keep up the good work!
Alex Boland

Alex, there is no spectacle more beautiful in all the Ten Realms than the Odinson and his goat. Of that, I am sure. Bill isn't.

I haven't read a lot of Marvel lately, however, when I heard about this book, I had to pick it up. Jason Aaron is easily my favorite writer working at Marvel right now and Olivier Coipel is the best Thor artist of... well, I'd say ever. So, I picked it up and

was blown away by it. It's the perfect first issue- action packed, sets the plot going, and ends on a big moment that leaves you wanting more. Seeing Ulik again was great and with The Unseen's appearance, I'm wondering if the Odinson is going to find out who he is and what words they will have. When Beta Ray Bill offered the Odinson his hammer, I got chills. I can't wait to see where it goes and I know I'll be in good hands with the creative team. My heartfelt thanks to Messrs. Aaron, Coipel, and the rest of the creative team. I breathlessly await the next issue.

David Harth

Thanks for the kind words, David. Jason, Olivier, Matt, and Joe all pour their hearts into these stories. I feel the same sense of wonder when I read a script or get new art in. Hope you enjoyed issue #2!

Mr. Aaron,

I've been reading your run on my favorite character since Thor God of Thunder. I had my doubts when we were switching over the hammer but you proved those doubts wrong and I'm very pleased with that. But Unworthy Thor encouraged me to write in for the first time. My place of employment and my local comic shop shut down recently (Hastings, if you're familiar with the chain) and I've been feeling like something's been missing in my life ever since. Then I read this issue of Unworthy Thor and I just related so heavily. I lost a job that I

put my identity and social empowerment into... I don't know, I don't want to ramble, but I just want to say that this comic made this transitory period just a bit easier and it's just really nice to relate so deeply to my favorite character. If this can even happen to Thor it's making me less hard on myself on my job search.

Signed,
Taylor, A Huge Fan of
Your Work

Thanks for sharing this with us, Taylor, and good luck in your job search. I know that for most of us working in comics, the emotional resonances we find in these stories and with these characters is what drove us to pursue these jobs. Odinson's struggle isn't over, but may his story continue to bring you hope.

I never liked Thor.

• Nol Don't go away! Let me finish!

Thanks. So, a few years ago, I felt no kind of empathy for Thor. For me, he was just that beautiful-blondemane fancy-speaking Norse god. However, one year ago, I was getting my issues at my comic-book store when my eyes stumbled upon that gorgeous cover for Mighty Thor #1, the first issue of the second series featuring Jane Foster as Thor. I was aware that she was Thor and that she had cancer. I decided to take a look inside and I was hooked immediately. Since then, the series has become my favorite from Marvel. Jane Foster's portrayal is simply perfect, both in the writing and in the art. She's strong, meaningful and relevant. Meanwhile, I obviously got caught up on her first adventures as Thor.

When I heard about this new series, I realized I was ready to reconcile with Odinson. This time, I didn't pick up the first issue by

chance, I ran directly to it when entering my comic-book store. And I wasn't disappointed at all. I got everything I wanted, and more: some answers, even more questions, the best space travel goat, fights where Odinson doesn't prevail, Beta Ray Bill... I can't wait for the next issues!

So, I wanted to say thank you to Jason Aaron for modernizing Thor and showing me what this character is really about. Also, the artists, Olivier Coipel, Russell Dauterman and Matthew Wilson, are masters.

Now I love Thor.

Yours,
Roni Kaufman

P.S.: I recently found a copy of Mighty Thor #337, Beta Ray Bill's first appearance!

Roni, thanks for your kind words. I know Jason has been so grateful for the love and support people have had for Jane as she took up the mantle. It's nice to know that Jane's story has helped you reconcile with Odinson. If you're ready, I highly recommend Jason's earlier work on Thor beginning with God of Thunder. It's GREAT stuff and there are things that get paid off in The Mighty Thor. Check it out!

Well, that's all we've got time for this month, but before we say goodbye I've got one more piece of surprise great news for you: For the next issue of Unworthy Thor, the amazing Mr. Coipel will be joined by some of the most thunderous Thor artists ever, including Esad Ribic, Frazer Irving, and Russell Dauterman. It's an all-star issue you won't want to miss!

See, you should!
Charles

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THE MIGHTY THOR #15



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